Mr. K. K. Kartha: (*a*) The Rules of 1922 have already been revised.

(*b*) The Rules as revised in 1945 are in force.

(*c*) Yes.

Village roads and ryots roads opened in 1120.

270. ***Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai** (*Quilon* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the length in miles of village-roads and ryots roads opened in 1120?

Mr. K. K. Kartha: Village roads—2 miles 3,445 feet. Ryots roads—3⅛ miles.

Thadikakadavoo-Pallapatt road.

271. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any repairs have been carried out this year in the Thadikakadavoo-Pallapatt road in the Kunnathad taluk; and

(*b*) whether they are aware of the unfit condition of this road for traffic?

Mr. K. K. Kartha: (*a*) Yes (1120).

(*b*) No.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know from the honourable member whether the Chief Engineer or any of the subordinates has visited this road?

Mr. K. K. Kartha: The Executive Engineer, Always would have visited the place.

Rain-fed tanks.

272. ***Mr. T. M Chidambarathanu Pillai** (*Thovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of (Mana Mari) rain-fed tanks with their names in Thovala and Agastiswaram taluks?

(*b*) the acreage of lands fed by each of such tanks?

(*c*) what is the annual maintenance sanctioned for each tank in 1118, 1119 and 1120; and

(*d*) what is the amount spent for each tank for 1118, 1119 and 1120?

Mr. K. K. Kartha: (**a**) 29 tanks in the Thovala taluk and 10 in the Agastiswarm taluk.

2nd part of (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*): A list furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Wells in rural parts.

273. ***Mr. A. Gabriel Nadar** (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of wells in the rural parts of Kalkulam, Vilavancode and Neyyattinkara taluks which have been sanctioned

* *Vide* Appendix ♦.

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by Government before the end of 1119 M. E., but the works on which have not been taken up as yet;

(*b*) the number of wells for which people have surrrendered the lands as per directions from the respective departments but which have not yet been sanctioned to be constructed in each of the above three taluks;

(*c*) the number of wells in each of the above taluks, the construction of which has been started but not yet completed noting the period of pendency in each case; and

(*d*) the average number of years the Department take to supply drinking water by sinking wells after the department is satisfied as to the necessity of the supply of the same?

Mr. K. K. Kartha: (*a*) 7 wells in Kalkulam taluk, 2 in Vilavancode taluk and 3 in Neyyattinkara taluk.

(*b*) one in Vilavancode taluk.

(*c*) 3 wells in Kalkulam taluk, 6 in Vilavancode taluk and 1 in Neyyattinkara taluk. The period of pendency ranges from 1 to 5 years.

(*d*) This cannot be definitely stated. The period would depend upon the conditions of the locality and other circumstances.

Mr. A. Gabriel Nadar: May I know from the Government whether any land has been surrendered for sinking wells in Kadiapattanam in the Kalkulam Taluk?

Mr. K. K. Kartha: [illegible]

Bridge across Kumbasha river

274. ***Mr. K. S. Joseph** (*Mavelikara and Tiruvalla cum Pathanamthitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations from Pathanamthitta taluk praying that a bridge be constructed across the Kumbasha river instead of the causeway now existing;

(*b*) whether there is not heavy traffic along this road; and

(*c*) whether they propose to comply with the request?

Mr. K. K. Kartha: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

Bridge at "Praikara"

275. ***Mr. K. S. Joseph:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations from the people of Mavelikara taluk regarding the necessity of constructing a bridge at "Praikara";

(*b*) whether they are aware of the volume of daily traffic there; and

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